

1 AN ACT relating to state agency children.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, a state agency child, as defined*
6 *in KRS 158.135(1), who is at least seventeen (17) years of age shall be eligible to*
7 *seek attainment of a high school equivalency diploma.*

8 *(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt a student who has attained a*
9 *high school equivalency diploma from the compulsory attendance requirements*
10 *of KRS 159.010.*

11 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO
12 READ AS FOLLOWS:

13 *(1) The Kentucky Department of Education shall develop academic standards for a*
14 *financial literacy program to be implemented by each public high school. The*
15 *department shall determine a timeline for school implementation of the financial*
16 *literacy program and shall develop a system for monitoring school*
17 *implementation.*

18 *(2) Each high school's school-based decision making council shall determine how*
19 *the financial literacy program is incorporated into its curriculum.*

20 *(3) Completing the school's financial literacy program shall be a Kentucky public*
21 *high school graduation requirement in accordance with an effective date*
22 *determined by the department. The graduation requirement shall include*
23 *students pursuing an early graduation program under KRS 158.142.*